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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TSPA NATO UR GW
SUBJECT: RE-ENTRY OF SOVIET SATELLITE, COSMOS 954

1. FOREIGN OFFICE STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL HAS JUST INFORMED ME THAT THE INTERIOR MINISTRY IS ISSUING A PRESS RELEASE ON THE RE-ENTRY OF COSMOS 954.
2. THE FRG PRESS RELEASE WILL BE A BRIEF FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF THE MATTER DESIGNED TO DETER UNHELPFUL SPECULATION. IT WILL NOTE THAT:

-- THE SATELLITE HAD BEEN OUT OF CONTROL FOR SOME TIME.

-- IT CONTAINED A SMALL NUCLEAR REACTOR WHOSE CAPACITY WAS AT A NON-CRITICAL LEVEL.

-- US AND SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAD INFORMED THE
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FRG OF THE SITUATION.

-- THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES HAD CLOSELY MONITORED THE ORBIT OF THE SATELLITE OVER THE FRG AND THERE WAS AT NO TIME ACUTE DANGER.

3. THE FRG STATEMENT WILL CONCLUDE AS FOLLOWS: "THE

CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACCIDENT WILL HAVE TO BE EXAMINED
IN COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. THE FRG WILL
ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THEIR EXAMINATION."

4. VAN WELL TOLD ME THAT CURRENT FOREIGN OFFICE
THINKING IS TO HOLD BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US,
THE UK AND FRANCE REGARDING THE PROPER INTERNATIONAL
VENUE FOR EXAMINATION OF THIS MATTER. HE INDICATED
THAT THE FRG MAY ALSO WISH TO RAISE THE ISSUE IN NATO.

5. PRIOR TO RELEASING THE STATEMENT, VAN WELL CALLED
SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN AND READ HIM THE TEXT.
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